**First Grade**

**Dance:**

**Competency Goal 5: The learner will demonstrate and understand dance in various cultures and historical periods.**

**Objectives**

**5.01** Discuss the role of dance in celebrations and events.

**5.02** Identify and explore dances from various cultures.

**Social Studies:**

**Competency Goal 4: The learner will explain different celebrated holidays and special days in communities.**

**Objective 4.01** Recognize and describe religious and secular symbols/celebrations associated with special days of diverse cultures.

This would be a part of a unit on different holidays and special days in communities. One aspect of the unit would be researching and learning about dances that are associated with holidays and special days in various communities and cultures. The students would have the opportunity to learn about the different dances and where they originated from. Then, for the students who would feel comfortable doing it, I would allow them to work to learn some of the dances. As a culminating experience, we would arrange for the whole first grade to come together and the students could perform some of the dances. For those students who do not feel comfortable dancing, they would be allowed to participate in the production in other ways.